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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HOMELAND DEFENSE

DOD SUPPORT FOR HURRICANE KATRINA RELIEF: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2005, AS OF 0540**

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS (USACE)

Authorities

- USACE conducts its emergency response activities under two basic authorities:
 - The Flood Control and Coastal Emergencies Act (P.L. 84-99).
 - The Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L. 93-288).

Command and Control

- Commander, USACE is Lieutenant General Strock in Washington, D.C.
- USACE Task Force Commander is Major General Don Riley in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
- Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) Commander is Brigadier General Crear in Vicksburg, Mississippi. His area of operations covers the States of Louisiana and Mississippi.
- South Atlantic Division Commander is Brigadier General Walsh in Atlanta, Georgia. His area of operations covers the States of Alabama and Florida.

Operational Highlights

- 1,765 USACE personnel are supporting relief operations. Current unwatering estimates:
 - Orleans (East Bank) – 02 Oct, Orleans East – 08 Oct, Chalmette and Chalmette Extension – 08 Oct, and 18 Oct for both Plaquemines basins. These dates are contingent on normal seasonal rainfall amounts.
 - TF Unwater is now pumping 19,056 CFS out of the parishes of New Orleans and Plaquemines.
 - Hydrogen plant continues to be our highest priority. Progress was made on debris removal and closure of the channel near the RR Bridge to isolate the plant's sub-basin. Water levels are falling at a rate of 18 inches per day.
 - Dutch team arrived in New Orleans and was briefed on situation. They will begin to assist in unwatering mission later today.
 - The German team began working at PS #19 last night and is scheduled to move on to PS #3.
 - Continuing to use booms to assist in containment of hazardous materials and working with EPA on this issue.
 - Actions for next 24 hours: We expect to add an additional 1,000 CFS at pump stations #3 and #7 in Orleans East Bank and 1,000 CFS in Plaquemines. We have identified a total of 27 levee breaches to date. Nineteen are attributable to the hurricane; eight are deliberate. Twelve interim repairs have been completed.



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- Water and Ice: 52,848,000 liters of water and 188,160,000 lbs of ice delivered to date.
 - Moving excess ice to prepare for Hurricane Ophelia.
- Debris:
 - Total tonnage of debris removed and projected: 390,487 CY removed; 77.5M CY estimated.
 - Plaquemine Parish declined USACE assistance as of Sept 10th.
- Roofing:
 - Total temp roofs projected and completed: 51,000 projected and 262 completed.
 - Continuing to collect "Rights of Entry" in both MS and LA.
- Power: 30 Prime Power soldiers working in the area.
 - Last 24 hours: Continued working assessments and generator installs in Mississippi and Louisiana.
 - We are experiencing problems with local personnel moving installed generators without coordination. This makes it difficult to properly maintain, refuel, and ultimately recover them.
 - Have completed 669 assessments and 159 generator installs to date.
 - Next 24 hours: Continue working to install power to permanent pumping stations, health facilities and to pumping stations around the hydrogen plant.
- Navigation:
 - Mississippi River is completely opened all the way to the Gulf to shallow and deep draft vessels less than 39' (daylight only).
 - Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC) remains non operational due to bridge closures and sunken barges. Contractor expects to remove barges and open bridges by mid-week.
- Housing:
 - We have completed the design review mission for FEMA Housing Area Command and are ready to perform quality assurance (QA).

We have completed dredging slips in Galveston for two cruise ships to dock and begin receiving evacuees.